



Staff Sgt. Howard Walker looks on as Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Lewis reads from a technical order Tuesday. The Airmen, who are both attached to the 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, were training how to take various electrical readings and tolerance levels.

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Warren prepares for NSI

Inspection will evaluate the wing's capability to manage nuclear resources

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Warren's Nuclear Surety Inspection is scheduled for Monday through April 4, and the base is up for the challenge.

According to the Air Force Instruction, the NSI is designed to evaluate a unit's capability to manage nuclear resources while complying with all nuclear surety standards.

"The 4,425 men and

women who make Warren's strategic deterrence foremost in the world are prepared for the NSI," stated Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander. "This is an opportunity for them to show the inspectors and the nation their diligence and perseverance."

The inspection team will evaluate Warren's capability to safely and reliably receive, store, transport, secure, maintain, load, mate, lock, unlock and render safe nuclear weapons or reentry systems.

Warren personnel will demonstrate their knowledge of weapon acceptance procedures, nuclear weapon system safety rules and nuclear weapon control order handling and authentication procedures. The inspection team also examines plans and resources for implementing an advanced readiness posture.

The inspection affects the entire base from protocol issues to dining facilities hours. Also affected by the NSI are Warren's medical group, maintenance group, operations group and even the civil engineer squadron.

There are three NSI ratings possible: Satisfactory, Satisfactory (Support Unsatisfactory) and Unsatisfactory. Satisfactory means

the performance or operation meet mission requirements. The procedures and activities are carried out in an effective and competent manner and the programs are efficiently managed. Satisfactory (Support Unsatisfactory) indicates deficiencies attributed to outside agencies or higher headquarters. Unsatisfactory means performance or operation does not meet mission requirements.

"The nation has trusted us for 60 years with nuclear weapons," explained Capt. Michael Morris, 90th Space Wing Plans and Programs. "The strength of deterrence lives at Warren."

The NSI outbrief is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 4 at the base theater.



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(Above) First Lt. Chris Pugh, 90th Operations Group, assembles technical data Tuesday in preparation for the upcoming Nuclear Surety Inspection to be held Monday through April 4.

(Left) An Airman with the 90th Security Forces Group waits for the "enemy" to appear during a training scenario recently. Training and base exercises prepare Warren members not only for inspections like the NSI, but also for real world situations. The NSI is designed to evaluate Warren's capability to manage nuclear resources while complying with all nuclear surety standards.



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